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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT AND
PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

In response to the Restriction Requirement dated August 9, 2004 in the above-captioned application, please amend the application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Election of Claims begins on page 4 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.

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Election of Claims

The applicants hereby elect Group II, which covers claims 1, 4-7, and 9-15 to the extent that they are drawn to a method of treatment by administering IL-18 antagonist, or IL-18 antagonist in combination with one or more compounds, wherein the IL-18 antagonist is an antibody. This election is made without traverse, though the applicants reserve the right to pursue the non-elected claims at a later time.